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**CHRISTMAS BRINGS
TOUCH OF GLOOM
TO 91,000 SOLDIER
BOYS ON BORDER**

**PLENTY OF TURKEY, PLUM PUD-
DING AND CRANBERRIES OF-
FER ONLY CONSOLATION.**

NO CHANCE FOR HOME SOON

**EVEN THE FIFTY THOUSAND
MEN NOW EN ROUTE WON'T
ROMP WITH KIDDIES.**

(International News Service.)
El Paso, Dec. 23.—Christmas will bring a touch of gloom to the 91,000 state guardsmen along the Mexican border.

In spite of Christmas turkey, plum pudding and cheery messages from the folks at home, the fact that there is no hope for their early release cast a shadow over the yuletide celebrations of 76,000 militiamen, 15,000 others already mustered out, cannot hope to reach home in time to romp with the kiddies, because of lack of adequate transportation facilities.

But the war department has seen to it that the troops will lack nothing in the Christmas dinner. Fifteen thousand pounds of turkey to feed the men at Colonia, Dublin, El Valle, El Paso, Fort Hancock, Marfa, Alpine, San Antonio, Laredo, Eagle Pass, McAllen, Brownsville and Nogales have been ordered.

In addition, the Chamber of Commerce at El Paso and the Rotary Club at San Antonio have arranged to furnish the troops at Fort Hancock pies, cake, plum pudding and other delicacies, and volunteer organizations in each of the towns where militia units are quartered will give packages and baskets to each soldier.

(International News Service.)
Field Headquarters, U. S. Army in Mexico, by Radio to Columbus, Dec. 23.—Thousands of presents have arrived and a Christmas tree 60 feet high has been brought in from the mountains 35 miles away for the greatest yuletide celebration an American army ever held outside its own country.

The committee in charge of the holiday program is delighted and amazed at the number of gifts received from Red Cross organizations and individuals.

Forty-one thousand cigars, 11,000 pounds of candy and 300 pounds of smoking tobacco have arrived and there are still two truck loads of presents on the way.

**RUSSIAN ARMY IN
NORTH DOBRUDJA
IS IN GRAVE PERIL**

(International News Service.)
Berlin, Dec. 23.—The advance of the German allies on both sides of the Danube has put the Russian army in northern Dobrudja in grave peril.

North of the Danube the Teutonic forces are sweeping toward Braila and Galatz, to cut off the escape of the Russians into Wallachia.

South of the stream the Teutonic allies are pressing the Russians toward the marshes that line the Danube bend.

Russians have been putting up stubborn resistance, and fighting all along the line in that district has been violent. Dispatches from the front today say that the German commanders hope to have cleared all of Dobrudja of the enemy in the next few days.

OFFICE IS MOVED.
Dr. A. T. Grayson has moved his office to 618 1/2 Second avenue.



CHRISTMAS HANGING STOPPED BY GOVERNOR

**Sentence of Levi Oldacre, Negro Murderer, Com-
muted to Life Imprisonment. "I Sho
Is Glad," Says Black**

"I sho is glad."

This sincere exclamation of joy fell from the lips of Levi Oldacre, condemned negro murderer, when informed at the Morgan county jail today that Governor Henderson had commuted his sentence to life imprisonment as a Christmas present. Oldacre was to have been hanged in the county jail next Friday, and the "knot was already tied," according to a statement from Sheriff Forman's office today.

The gallows, complete in every ghastly detail, was waiting to usher the soul of the black who murdered Lewis Brown, a white boy, as the result of a quarrel following a crap game. It was cheated by the tender-hearted governor, who acted on the recommendation of a number of Morgan county citizens who had interested themselves in the negro's fate.

News of the commutation of the sentence was telephoned to the jail from the Daily office, after Col. Tenna Tidwell had advised the Daily of the receipt of a telegram from Gov. Henderson's secretary.

The telegram read:
"Oldacre commuted life imprisonment. Notify Eyster, Lynne and Nix." (Signed) "John Moffat, sec. secy." Oldacre had twice been respited by Governor Henderson. For some months he was kept in the Madison county jail, but was brought back here recently.

Future Peeress Has Two Sisters Buried in Huntsville Cemetery

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Mrs. Alfred Duggan, former Decatur woman, to Lord Curzon, of England, which aroused world-wide interest, was heightened here today by the news that two of the bride-elect's sisters, Minor and Rowe Hinds, are buried at Huntsville.

The two sisters of the future peeress died while J. Monroe Hinds, father of the next Lady Curzon, was United States marshal, with headquarters at Huntsville. The father is buried here. The romantic story of the winsome little American girl's rapid rise to fame and fortune has attracted the attention of the entire world, particularly in the United States.

Feature stories, telling of her life here and of the early history of the family, together with photos of the McEntire house, where she was born, have been sold to a number of the leading newspapers of the nation.

Charles Nalls and His Wife Return to Home

Charles Nalls, former circuit court clerk of Madison county, indicted on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler, but who was released on bond recently, has returned to Huntsville. He and Mrs. Nalls arrived in Huntsville from Albertville, where they had been visiting relatives.

TORREON IS TAKEN BY VILLA BANDITS

**OUTLAWS PROMPTLY BEGIN SACK-
ING THE TOWN, BUT RESPECT
AMERICANS.**

(International News Service.)
El Paso, Dec. 23.—With Torreón reported in his possession and Chihuahua City at the mercy of Gen. Salazar, Pancho Villa today virtually dominated all northern Mexico.

Villa's victory and the conquest of the southern rebels under Diaz and Robles have practically isolated Mexico City.

The capture of Torreón cuts off all communication from the north.

The Villistas began a systematic sacking of Torreón, one of the richest railway and cotton centers in Mexico. The bandit leader himself is still at Jimenez.

Villa agents here received word from Jimenez today that Villistas "guarantee the safety of all Americans and other foreigners in Torreón and will respect American property."

HEAVY DAMAGE IS DONE BY FLOOD

**MANY LIVES LOST AND THOU-
SANDS HOMELESS IN SOUTH
AMERICAN REPUBLIC.**

(International News Service.)
Colon, Dec. 23.—Many lives were lost, thousands of persons made homeless and more than \$3,000,000 damage done as the result of floods in Magdalena valley, in northern Colombia.

A dispatch from Bogota today says that the government is undertaking relief measures. Baranquilla, Calamar, Magangué and many other towns have been inundated. More than 10,000 head of cattle have been drowned.

Arabia Was Never in Entente Service

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 23.—The P. & O. liner Arabia was not in the British government's service and never had been in the service of any of the governments of the entente, the state department was informed today by the British foreign office.

Large Check Received From L. & N. Today

A check for \$3,247 was received by City Clerk Henry Hartung, of Albany, today. The check was in payment of the taxes of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad company.

INTEREST REVIVED IN REPORT THAT OIL UNDERLINES MUCH NORTHERN ALABAMA

**STORY OF FINDING OF LARGE
FLOW NEAR HARTSELLE IS
TOLD AGAIN.**

LAND VALUES MAY RISE

**PRICE OF FARM LAND IN CORDOVA
SOARING, FOLLOWING THE
DISCOVERY.**

Discovery of oil near Cordova has caused a revival of interest in the reports that oil is under the soil of practically all of North Alabama. Several years ago a well was bored near Hartselle and oil was found. Later it was sold to one of the big corporations. It is said to have contained a large flow.

At various times other reports that oil lies under the top layer of earth in this section of the state have been made. Recently it was rumored that an attempt would be made to put down a well in Madison county. The discovery of oil at Cordova has caused much interest to be taken in that report.

The finding of oil in large quantities here would cause a phenomenal advance in farm lands. At Cordova land values went soaring immediately following the announcement of the discovery there.

Geologists have thought for some time that oil in large quantities would be found in this state, but the well at Cordova is the first one to be bored which has yielded such large quantities.

It is expected that boring will begin in other counties immediately. The Alabama Public Service Commission has been asked to prepare data and fix transportation rates on oil at once.

Two Schooners Lost Off Dartmouth Point

(International News Service.)
Halifax, Dec. 23.—A large unidentified schooner has been lost off Dartmouth Point, Mahoney Bay. All on board are believed to have perished. Another wreck, believed to be the American schooner William Mason, is at Irish Ledge, near Yarmouth. The body of one man was washed to the rigging.

Decatur Post Office Open Sunday A. M.

Postmaster Crawford, of Decatur, announced today that the Decatur postoffice would be open Sunday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock for the convenience of the public at the Christmas period. All departments are included, he said.

NO PAPER MONDAY

According to its annual custom, the Albany-Decatur Daily will observe Christmas Day as a holiday. There will be no issue of the paper Monday.

JURY GETS RUSSELL CASE LATE SATURDAY

**Attorney W. W. Callahan Begins the Closing
Argument for State Shortly Before
Three O'clock This Afternoon**

ATLANTIC COAST IS SWEEPED BY GALE

(International News Service.)
New York, Dec. 23.—Traffic, telegraph and telephone service along the Atlantic coast was badly crippled today by an 80-mile gale, accompanied by snow and sleet, which raged all of last night.

Craft of all kinds suffered. Shipping in several harbors was suspended and many pedestrians were injured by falling signs and the wreckage of plate glass windows in many coast cities.

New York was raked by the gale which had a minimum velocity of 34 miles. The British bark Mary Duff was blown on the rocks in Nantucket Sound.

STRAY DOGS TO BE SHOT BY THE POLICE

**SEVERAL CHILDREN BITTEN BY
RABBIT CANINE WILL GO TO
MONTGOMERY.**

All stray dogs in the city of Decatur will be shot by the police, according to a proclamation issued by Mayor Nelson today, following a report from the Pasteur Institute that the head of a dog sent there after it bit several children, showed traces of hydrophobia.

Several children of J. G. Connely, prominent Decatur citizen, will be sent to Montgomery immediately for treatment. A child of Mr. Wise also will go to Montgomery. The latter was bitten some time ago by a dog, which is thought to have been mad.

"We want to safeguard and protect the lives of our citizens, and we fear that the dog which bit several children recently, might have also bitten other dogs. For that reason, the officials of Decatur intend to put to death all stray dogs," said Mayor Nelson. "We do not wish to harm house pets, but the ordinary dog on the streets is a menace to the city at present."

The presence of rabid dogs here at this time of the year created much surprise. Often in the summer months, canines go mad, principally because of the heat or exposure.

German Sea Raider is Reported Captured

(International News Service.)
New York, Dec. 23.—The mysterious German sea raider which broke through the British blockade and destroyed a number of ships, has been captured and rides at anchor in Liverpool harbor, according to information brought here today by the American liner Philadelphia.

The capture, it was said, was made by the British cruiser Teutonic near the spot where the Lusitania was torpedoed.

The fate of William Russell, charged with the murder of his wife near Woodland Mills, as she prepared his Thanksgiving dinner, will be in the hands of a jury of Morgan county citizens late this afternoon. Attorney W. W. Callahan began the closing argument for the state at 2:30 o'clock. He will speak about one hour and Judge Wert will then deliver his charge.

The arguments were opened shortly before noon by Solicitor Melvin Hutson, who was followed by Attorney John Sample, for the defense. Attorney Earl Smith, of Huntsville, closed the defense's case.

Mr. Smith asked that the defendant be remanded to the asylum "as Doctors Petty, Dismore and other of your local physicians, whose names I do not remember, have declared to you that he is insane."

Night Session.
In an effort to finish the Russell case before Saturday night, Judge Wert last night held the first night session in a murder trial in his court in years.

The state introduced a number of neighbors of Russell, who swore that he was sane. The witnesses were called after the defense rested shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Their testimony was in rebuttal of that offered by the defense and tended to show that there was a streak of insanity in the defendant's family and that he was, at the time he killed his wife and now is, insane.

The case took a sensational turn this morning when Deputy Sheriff Williams, who arrested Russell, declared that in his judgment Russell was drunk, when he was arrested several hours after the killing.

Odor of Liquor.
"Was there an odor of liquor in the room in which Russell was arrested?" Solicitor Hutson asked.

"There was," the witness replied. "Mr. Williams, in your judgment, was the defendant intoxicated?"

"He appeared to be."

Mr. Williams also swore that when he went after the prisoner, he was told by Mrs. Russell, mother of the defendant, that her son was upstairs, and had a bottle of whiskey or alcohol and a gun. Mrs. Russell denied having told the officer anything of that nature, either in that language or in substance.

The rebuttal evidence of the state bore out the theory advanced before the trial—that the defense would plead insanity, and that the state would attempt to show that Russell was in a drunken condition and killed his wife because of jealousy.

200 Civil Cases Facing January Circuit Court

The docket facing the January term of the circuit court is one of the heaviest in years. More than 200 cases were being set this morning by circuit court officials.

The term will begin Jan. 8, and jury civil cases will be tried first. Later the criminal and non-jury cases will be taken up by Judge Robert Brickell, who will preside. It is probable that Judge Osceola Kyle will preside at the spring term of the court here.

**EXCHANGES BEGUN
BY ALLIED POWERS
IN FRAMING REPLY
TO AMERICAN NOTE**

**INDICATIONS ARE THAT SOME DE-
LAY WILL RESULT BEFORE
ANSWER IS MADE.**

BRITISH PRESS DISGRUNTLED

**FRENCH NEWSPAPERS, HOWEVER,
SHOW A MOST FRIENDLY TONE,
AS DO GERMAN.**

(International News Service.)
London, Dec. 23.—Exchanges between the allies relative to the reply which shall be made to President Wilson's note have already begun, it is reported in diplomatic circles today.

As was the case of the German note proposing that "the allies enter into peace negotiations forthwith," the reply will be identical from all the entente powers.

The Morning Post says that the King's declaration that the "allies must fight on until they have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated" is perhaps the best answer that could be made to President Wilson's "Christmas bomb shell."

The tenor of the press commenting on the president's note is that the American executive lacks knowledge of the real conditions in Europe and the real feelings of the people of the allied countries. Otherwise, it is contended he would not have made any peace suggestions at this time. The Star calls the American note "a Christmas bomb shell."

**UNITED STATES CAN DO
NO MORE AT PRESENT.**

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 23.—The United States has done all that it can for the present in urging consideration of peace. The next move is up to the entente allies. That is the attitude of the administration today.

Judging from the utterances of A. Bonar Law in London to the effect that no immediate answer could be expected by the United States to the Wilson note, officials here are anticipating a long wait for a reply.

It was pointed out that exchanges of views between the governments of the entente and sounding out of the views of the people of those nations, will be necessary before England and its allies are prepared to reply. Despite early discouraging reports of the reception of the note by the British officials, optimism here is undiminished.

**FRENCH PRESS IS VERY
CORDIAL TOWARD AMERICA**

(International News Service.)
Paris, Dec. 23.—While the French foreign office considers the note of President Wilson and exchanges ideas with the allies, the press is pointing out that the document may force Germany into the open with definite peace terms.

A noticeable feature of the press comment is the friendly tone in direct contrast to that of the British press.

**BERLIN HAILS NOTE
AS A JOYOUS GLEAM.**

Berlin, Dec. 23.—That President Wilson's note has given the peace movement a strong impetus was the view expressed here today.

Some of the newspapers call it "a joyous gleam in what otherwise would have been a gloomy Christmas season."

The president's note had been presented to the foreign office before the arrival of the American ambassador, James W. Gerard. Consequently, the government had a chance to digest the document before the American diplomat called upon Dr. Zimmermann, the foreign secretary, to pay his respects. Just what the German reply to the note will be is not known, but there is a strong current of opinion that Germany will make known her peace terms. However, this depends upon the complexion of the note from the entente powers.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

At this joyful period, when the earth runs riot with good cheer, when happiness is the rule, when friends are remembered and enemies forgotten, when men and women vie with each other in doing commendable deeds, the Albany-Decatur Daily adds its voice to that of the multitude in extending the greetings of the season to one and all.

To its advertising patrons, to its subscribers, to its working force, to those who have in any way contributed to its prosperity and support; even to those who in an unguarded moment have questioned its motives or sought to impede its progress, it extends best wishes for—
A Merry Christmas.

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS, TOO, FORCED TO RAISE PRICE.

The Birmingham News has fallen in line. An announcement in yesterday afternoon's issue advises the patrons of the live metropolitan sheet that after January 1 they must pay \$7.00 per year by mail, 15 cents per week when delivered by carrier, and three cents per copy when bought on the streets from the newsboys. This is a substantial increase, but one well justified by the present condition of the print paper market.

In climbing on the band wagon, the News states that "for eight or nine months it has fought off this increase." And this frank admission comes from one of the big dailies that buys paper on contract a year ahead, and that is not hard hit by every fluctuation of the open market, as the smaller papers are. In fact, it was rumored in newspaper circles that the News was protected against the high price of paper until the latter part of next year.

The Albany-Decatur Daily, while a price victim, as is every other news paper published in the state, has stuck to its regular subscription rates, and at the same time has endeavored to give the public a little bigger var for its money than ever before. The result has been that the Daily has grown in circulation and prestige. It hopes to be able to keep present rates in effect.

ALABAMA'S OIL POSSIBILITIES.

When the near "gusher" at Cordova "came in" this week, there was general rejoicing over Alabama, for it has long been contended by geologists that oil was to be found in payable quantities in the state. Whether the Cordova wells will come up to the expectation of the promoters is another question. At any rate, it is just as well to be optimistic until the development is complete.

The most encouraging assurance in regard to the Cordova field is that such men as Ex-Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, oil experts as it were, are willing to advance money for development purposes. This syndicate is not influenced by sentiment, caring not a rap whether they strike oil in Alabama or Alaska. They are simply convinced that fortunes are to be made from Alabama oil, and are determined to be the possessors of the fortunes.

The success of the Cordova venture is of chief value here as an incentive to like experiments in this county. Some of the old timers tell very interesting stories of the reputed discovery of oil at Hartselle, even claiming that the well was plugged up to eliminate competition with other fields. Be that as it may, there are good geologists who contend that the precious fluid is to be found in quantities within a few miles of the Twin Cities. Isn't it about time that further soundings were taken?

Secretary Lansing's latest blunder would have reflected great credit upon the Hon. Champ Clark.

In their peace views, President Wilson and William Jennings Bryan are not so far apart.

"War is on the verge of the United States" was evidently what Secretary Lansing intended to say.

—on earth, good will to men.
Look what the censor did for it.

SOME COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

Following recent announcement of an advance in price, the Birmingham newspapers are now sold as follows:

	Year	Week
Age-Herald	\$8.00	15 cents
News	\$7.00	15 cents
Ledger	\$6.00	12 cents

Compared with these figures, taking into consideration that the people of North Alabama are not interested in two pages of want ads, several pages of advertisements, one or more pages of Birmingham society, the Albany-Decatur Daily, with its concise but complete news service and its columns of local news daily, is a bargain at the following prices:

Albany-Decatur Daily, per year, \$3. (by mail). Per week 10 cents (by carrier.)

The pardon of William J. Cummins, the Nashville-New York financier, by Governor Whitman of New York, was an act of well deserved clemency. Mr. Cummins, a master mind, attempted to buck the Wall street crowd and they "got him." Those they didn't "get" are social lions and capitalists of finance.

Japan, in announcing a program of naval expansion, says that only 18 submarines will be constructed. Germany wouldn't fear a navy like that.

Recent fluctuations in the cotton market have convinced many speculators that the best way to win is to let gambling alone.

Misses Lottie and Mary Hough, of Lacey Springs, were in Albany yesterday, en route to Nashville, where they will spend the holidays.

"Ice grip still on Louisville," says a Courier-Journal headline. Yes, but what's in the grip?

Maybe old Carranza thinks he would be justifiable in attempting to stabilize the American stock market.

Even court decisions have a war-like tinge. It was held only this week that a man's home is his "castle."

Alabama doesn't need a stocking this Christmas. An oil tank would be more serviceable.

Sans fireworks and fireworks, Christmas will be both safe and sane.

Oil blessings seem to be headed Cordova's way.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists. The Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Decatur Ice and Coal Company will be held at their office in Decatur, Ala., on the eighth day of January, 1917, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

E. H. ALLISON,
D 6-13-20-27 Secretary.



Help him make a Christmas of HEALTH—

AFTER all, Christmas is only a success when you give to make others happier. And what better gift can you give than health to sufferers and protection to those about them?

Once a year the Red Cross Seal makes its appeal to you for support in its winning fight against tuberculosis.

With the money paid for RED CROSS SEALS, both children and grown-ups are taught how to escape and conquer tuberculosis, nurses are sent among the poor, dispensaries and hospitals are secured.

Here is your chance to do a real good—and right in your own state. For the Seal supports the health work in the state where they are purchased. Buy liberally to bring new life to those who have less of life's pleasures than you.

Buy Red Cross Seal of your local agent.

WHITE CHRISTMAS IN TWIN CITIES

(By J. E. Blair.)

"Conspicuous for their absence," describes the status of the old-fashioned Christmas trees among the local churches this Christmas season.

"You know we are giving them up more and more," said a prominent pastor of Decatur.

"And it is a good departure, too," came the rejoinder. "For from all the Christmas trees I ever saw, some always went away sorely disappointed and often mad. Besides, to give to people is not so good as to teach them the Christian doctrine of giving to others."

"White Christmas" is the popular way this year and in these cities. By this plan "white gifts" are presented to the Master by way of His needy brothers and sisters. It is another expression of the "Big Brother" and "Good Fellow" idea.

The first church service of tomorrow, Christmas eve day, in point of time, will be 6 o'clock mass at St. Ann's church, conducted by Father McDermott, and the last service of the day will be a mid-night celebration at St. John's Episcopal church, led by the Rector, Rev. J. J. Cornish.

Beginning with the South Side Baptist, which is located in the extreme southern end of Albany, Pastor Hearn says the extent of his church's activities will be a special Christmas sermon Sunday night and a collection for the Baptist orphanage at Evergreen, Ala.

Dr. Strong's church, Willoughby Presbyterian, is having a Christmas tree this evening for the small children; also a special program dealing with Christmas themes. On tomorrow the two regular services at Willoughby will be on subjects appropriate to the season.

No report was received from the Ninth Street Methodist church.

The Westminster church will present attractive programs for Christmas eve day, both morning and night.

The ladies of the Central Methodist church, represented by Mrs. W. H. Winton, Mrs. Herman Troup and others expect a largely attended service Sunday night, when an ambitious program of recitation and of music will be rendered. Prior to this program, a White Christmas will be celebrated and the gifts presented will be sent to the Methodist Orphanage at either Flat Rock or Selma, Ala.

The Evergreen Orphanage will be the beneficiary of the White Christmas at the Central Baptist church. A special musical program, led by Mrs. Seneca Burr, will precede Dr. May's Sunday morning sermon, which will be on "What If Christ Had Not Come to Earth." Sunday night Dr. May's sermon subject will be: "Christ's Coming," and will have reference to the time He did come, not to His second coming.

The First Christian church ladies are giving a Christmas tree to the very young children this evening, while tomorrow Rev. R. D. Piper, of Cullman, will occupy the pulpit of this church. No special services are reported for the Jackson Street Church of Christ.

The First Methodist church of Decatur has a new departure for the services tomorrow, in that there will be no night service, but instead from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m., a carefully prepared program will be given and the celebration of a largely planned "White Christmas," the gifts from which are to go to the Selma Orphan Asylum.

Rev. J. A. Cook of the First Baptist church of Decatur, states that only the regular services are planned for his church tomorrow, and the same is true of the First Baptist church of Albany, of which Rev. R. F. Stuckey is pastor. Both these churches, however, will take special collections for the poor.

Last night the First Presbyterian church gave a Christmas tree for the very young members of its Sunday school, while the older scholars observed "White Christmas." On Sunday Pastor Sholl will be aided in his morning and evening services by a carefully prepared musical program, on which will appear some of the most talented singers of the Twin Cities. Dr. Sholl will preach at 11 a. m., but not at night, but at this time he has consented to give a reading from Henry Van Dyke, who, along with President Wilson, was one of Rev. Sholl's lecturers at Princeton, before his graduation at that university. The orphans' home at Tall-ga will be given a donation by the First Presbyterian church on Christmas eve.

Business or professional cards, from The Daily.

Calling Cards—The last word in correct stationery can be obtained from The Daily. Look our line over.

The wedding season is here. Buy your engraved wedding invitations printed or engraved. The Daily.

MEMORIAL TO A VANDERBILT



This is a model of a memorial fountain to be erected in Newport, R. I., to the memory of the late Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, who lost his life on the ill-fated Lusitania, by fifty of his friends in the United States and England. It is the work of Eugene H. Morahan, a noted New York sculptor, and is ten feet six inches in height. The entire base and bowl will be made of red, westerly granite with ornamental bronze bands and lion heads. One side of the fountain is to be devoted to a drinking trough for horses, and the other for the use of pedestrians. Further typifying Mr. Vanderbilt's love for horses, the fountain will be mounted with a bronze group of a Roman gladiator holding in check two rearing horses. It will be unveiled early in the spring of 1917.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

Had we planted paper shell pecan for shade trees when we planted oaks, maples and other trees around our homes we would now be gathering from 50 to 150 bushels of fine large pecans. These increase steadily with the years and we and our children are the beneficiaries. Those starting homes now may well be warned by what has been lost by others. I have a fine lot of nice, healthy, seedling pecan trees, 3 to 5 feet, which I will sell at \$1.00 each, and I will deliver them to you. Now is a fine time to set out pecan trees, but it must not be done in freezing weather. Telephone 341 Albany or see me at 241 Jackson street. B. Crawford. (Adv.)

DON'T FORM THE MEDICINE HABIT

Take a remedy like 333 Liver Tonic. A dose today does not call for another dose tomorrow; no, indeed! It's not habit forming.

Strangers get your social rating from your calling cards. See the line of engraved cards for men and women at the Daily office. We keep up with the styles.

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Has a marked stimulating effect upon the organs of elimination. It builds up instead of destroying. Try it for your chronic constipation and stubborn liver sluggishness. Its action is powerful enough but GENTLE and does not gripe, sicken or nauseate. You can go right ahead with your work while taking it. 333 Liver Tonic relieves the cause. Improvement is therefore permanent.

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Just In Passing

"For the convenience of our patrons we are going to make express deliveries Sunday," said Lacy Martin. "We expect that a number of packages will arrive for Christmas delivery Saturday night and early Sunday and think the public will appreciate their delivery before Christmas Day."

VISITORS SEE IMPROVEMENTS.

"Every time I come home I can see new buildings going up all over Albany-Decatur," said J. M. Locke, of Waycross, Ga., who is spending the holidays with relatives here. "The two cities appear to be growing right along in a steady, substantial way. I am glad to see the many improvements."

DAILY DELIVERS AGAIN.

"The Daily delivered again today," said Postmaster Claude McMillan. "I had an umbrella, found in the post-office, before we moved from the old location. I tried a want ad in The Daily yesterday and its owner was located immediately. The ad only appeared one time, but it restored the property."

Uncertain Humanity.

"Briefly stated," we explained, "the story of Enoch Arden was about as follows: He went to sea and was shipwrecked on an uninhabited island where he remained for several years. When at last he was rescued Mr. Arden put out for home with considerable rapidity, only to find that during his absence Mrs. Arden had married again. What do you suppose was his subsequent action?"

"Hard to figger!" replied Mr. Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, who had been listening with deep interest to the recital. "You can't tell which way a toad will jump when you poke him, and folks is just as peculiar. Prob'ly he either took a shot at his wife's second husband or else borrowed enough money off'n him to get back to his uninhabited island, and I wouldn't bet a nickel on either horn of the what-d'ye-call it?"—Kansas City Star.

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UNTIL A CHILD IS BORN.

There is a dramatic story of a census-taking in the Old Testament. David's long conflict with Saul is over and he is the victorious and undisputed king of all Israel and Judah. He determines in his pride to number his people, to see how many there are who will bear arms in his wars; how many are the men and women who are subject to his will.

And God punishes the pride of the king by sending a pestilence among his people, and the plague is not stayed until David humbles himself on the threshing-floor of Araunah the Hittite.

This first census, undertaken at the will of man, brings with it a curse.

In the New Testament we have the story of another census.

Augustus Caesar sits in the Senate House at Rome and decrees that all the world shall be enrolled.

This census, though the emperor is all unconscious of it, is undertaken at the will of God, and brings with it a blessing.

The order of Augustus travels from Rome to far Nazareth, and in obedience to it an humble carpenter and his espoused wife travel to Bethlehem of Judea, because they were descendants of that same King David, and they pass over the place of the threshing-floor of Araunah the Hittite and come to the inn at Bethlehem. And there is no room for them in the inn, and they are forced to find shelter in the stable with the cattle—and here the Son of Mary, the Saviour of the world, is born.

That scene has gone down into the heart of humanity; the humble stable the dumb beasts, the virgin mother bending over her little child and singing her slumber-song:

"Hushaby low,
 Rockaby so,

Kings may have wonderful jewels to bring,
 But mother has only a kiss for her king."

TRYSTE NOEL

The Ox he openeth wide the Doore,
 And from the Snowe he calls her inne,
 And he hath seen her smile therefore
 Our Ladye without Sinne.
 And soon from Sleep
 A Starre shall leap,
 And soon arrive both Kirtz and Hinde
 Amen, Amen;
 But O, the place co'd I but finde!

The Ox hath hushed his voyce and bent
 Trewe eyes of Pitty are the Mow,
 And on his lovelie Neck, forspent,
 The Blessed layes her Browe.
 Around her feet
 Full warme and sweete,
 His bowerie Breath dothe meeklie dwell:
 Amen, Amen;
 But sore am I with vaine travel!

The Ox is host in Judah stall
 And Host of more than onelle one,
 For close she gathereth withal
 Our Lorde, her little Sonne.
 Glad Hinde and King
 Their gifts may bring,
 But wo'd tonight my Teares were there,
 Between her Bosom and His hayre!
 —Louise Imogen Guiney,
 Courtesy Houghton Mifflin & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shelton and son, Barrett, left this afternoon for Columbia, Tenn., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grubbs, of Chicago, will spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. B. H. Conner.

Miss Leta Bess Harrison will arrive tonight to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Miss Augusta Bloodworth returned last night from Opelika to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nelson, of Indianapolis, Ind., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Thurman and their aunt, Mrs. A. E. Runyan.

Mrs. Maud Fletcher was called to Madison this evening by the death of her brother-in-law, Wat Toney.

CLUB CALENDAR

Wednesday.
 All Day Party—Mrs. Eugene Morrow.

Thursday.
 Anniversary Party, Progressive Culture Club.—Mrs. Jno. Wyker.
 Bridge Party for Mrs. Scott of Atlanta.—Mrs. W. A. Bibb.

REYNOLDS-TAYLOR.

Addie F. Reynolds and Miss Lucy Taylor were quietly married last night at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of J. Pettie Ezell, on Jackson street.

Frank Inman, Miss Mary Kate Inman and their mother, Mrs. E. G. Grecks, will leave tonight for Paris, Tenn., for a week's visit to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Sheppard will leave today for Gadsden, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Sheppard's parents.

Miss Margaret McCalla arrived last night from the State University.

Miss May Finkle will spend the week-end at Athens.

Dr. Stroup and family, of Corinth, Miss., are spending the holidays with Mrs. J. M. Stroup.

Mrs. E. L. Simpson is quite ill at her home on Oak street.

Miss Kyser has returned to Madison after visiting Mrs. Maud Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Law Lamar, Jr., of Selma, will arrive Sunday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bibb.

Misses Lullie Powers and Mrs. Marjorie Camper passed through Albany-Decatur yesterday, en route to their homes at Florence.

Misses Julia and Frances Watt and Martha Boyd, of Huntsville, were in Decatur today.

A. H. Giles and daughter, Agnes, and sister, Miss Lula Giles, went to Nashville Friday afternoon for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harbin Miller, of Atlanta, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bibb.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Maulsby, of Birmingham, arrived this afternoon to spend Christmas with their parents; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. St. Clair.

Mrs. J. L. Walker and Miss Abale Bues, of Birmingham, will spend the holidays with parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Buis.

Miss Jennie Davidson will return from Birmingham for the holidays.

Mrs. W. D. Hudgins and family, of Memphis, are the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Price.

Miss Lillian Thompson will return Sunday from Rockwood, Tenn., for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Callicott have gone to Memphis, where they will reside.

Misses Ethel Brown, Lola Beall and Gladys Stinson have returned to Falkville, having been the guests of Mrs. R. W. Holland, Trinity road, during the teachers' institute.

Mrs. W. L. McMillan and daughter, Miss Orven, have returned from a three weeks' visit with relatives in South Alabama.

Mrs. J. C. Persinger left Thursday evening to spend the holidays at Birmingham, where she will be joined Monday by Dr. Persinger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson and children, of Shelbyville, Tenn., have arrived for the holidays.

Mrs. J. D. Roberts will leave Monday for Columbia, Tenn., to spend the holidays.

PERSONALS

Ellis Loveless left this morning for Prattville, Ala., to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Dr. W. L. Darby has returned from a trip through North Alabama.

Beachen Shaddix has returned to his home at Goodwater, Ala.

Robert Howell Jervis returned last night from Atlanta, where he is attending Georgia Tech. He will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jervis.

J. M. Locke of Waycross, Ga., is here for the holidays, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Poole.

Will R. Nelson, will go to Birmingham tonight, accompanying his mother, Mrs. McCormick, who is en route to Meridian, Miss., to spend Christmas.

Roy Billings arrived today from Memphis for the holidays.

T. M. Jones, Lamar Eyster and LeRoy McEntire are home from the University of Alabama for the holidays.

Jeff Eyster is home from Greene school.

Mr. Bertie Nelson spent yesterday in Courland.

Harris Sanders, of Fayetteville, Tenn., is spending the holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Simpson, on Fourth avenue and Prospect Drive.

Albey Russell, of Somerville, was a visitor here yesterday.

Wilmer Hall, of Birmingham, will spend the holidays with homefolks.

J. A. Cullom, of Nashville, will arrive Sunday evening to join Mrs. Cullom, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. N. Hall.

H. R. Summer will arrive tonight from Little Rock, Ark., to join his wife, who is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. N. Hall.

C. F. Searcy, of Chattanooga, will arrive Sunday to be the holiday guest of his sister, Mrs. C. L. Price.

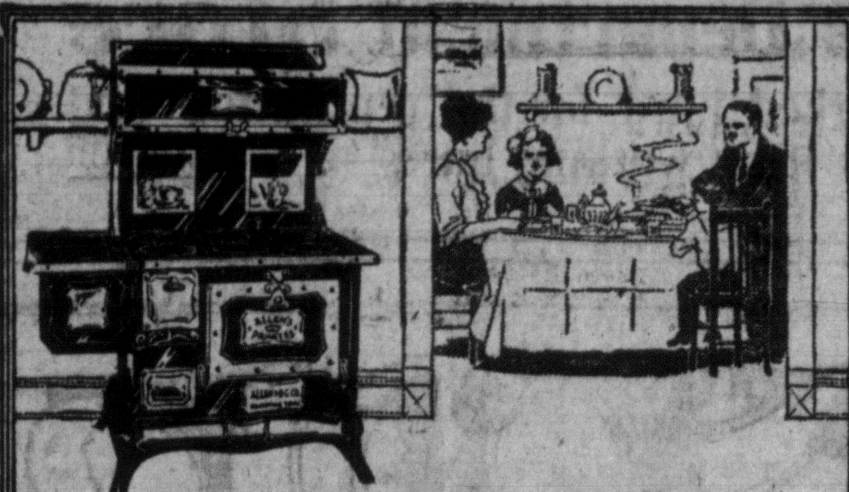
A. L. Cheulard and W. F. Burchett, of Kansas City, has joined his wife, and both are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Price.

Prof. Ralph W. Cowart, superintendent of Albany public schools, left today for his home at Troy, Ala., for a several days' stay.

Dr. Grayson is occupying the Callcott apartment in the Adams-Duncan flat.

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SUPREME COURT HOLDS IN CASES RELATING TO STREET ASSESSMENTS.

Under a decision of the supreme court, the appeals of the Decatur Land Company against street improvement assessments, must be made separately and not collectively. The decision was rendered in a case taken to the high tribunal as a test, Secretary Troup said today, and the litigation itself is not affected, as the appeals already have been taken separately.

The case merely settled preliminary questions, preparatory to the legal fight on the suits themselves, it was announced.

Other North Alabama decisions follow:

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. vs. John G. Gray, appeal from Morgan law and equity court; reversed and remanded, McClellan and Gardner, JJ., dissenting.

C. Wesley Tidwell vs. H. H. Hitt Lumber company et al., appeal from Limestone chancery court; reversed and remanded; Anderson, C. J., and McClellan, J., dissenting.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. vs. P. E. Williams, as administrator, appeal from Morgan circuit court; affirmed, Mayfield, J., dissenting.

Tennie S. Lampkin, administratrix, vs. L. O. Stout et al., appeal from Morgan chancery court; affirmed in part, reversed and remanded with directions.

Ex parte Robert Bridgeforth, Jr., petition for certiorari to court of appeals in Robert Bridgeforth, Jr., vs. state; writ denied.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN.
Rev. E. Lysander Grau, Pastor.
Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m., D. C. Vohlers, superintendent; graded classes for all.
Public worship at 11 a. m.; subject, "God's Unspeakable Gift." Special Christmas music at this service.
Christmas Cantata at 7:30 p. m. by the men of the Sabbath school, tell the Christmas story in a very interesting manner.
Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., subject, "An Old Year's Resolve." The last prayer meeting of the old year, let it be well attended. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Come, bring a friend. A welcome awaits you.

SOUTH SIDE BAPTIST.

L. L. Hearn, Pastor.
9:45, Sabbath school; W. L. Hatchett, superintendent.

10:40, "Secret of True Strength," story told to children by the pastor, 11:00, Sermon, "God's Unspeakable Gift."

4:00, Sunbeam Band; Mrs. W. J. Motes, leader.

5:30, Junior and Senior B. Y. P. U.; Lizzie Smyrl and Willie Spanable, leaders.

6:45, Special song service.

7:10, Sermon, "Why We Celebrate Christmas."

The pastor will preach both morning and evening. The music will be a special feature. There will be no Christmas tree at the church, but there will be a number of small trees in the different homes of our church, given in interest of the different classes of the Sunday school and the B. Y. P. U.

The pastor requests the members of the church to attend the last services of the year, and invites the general public to try our welcome.

NINTH STREET METHODIST.

Pastor will preach Christmas sermon at morning and evening services. Everybody especially invited. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Junior League at 6 p. m.

WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN.

Dr. W. L. Darby, state superintendent of Home Missions, will preach morning and evening at the West Side Presbyterian church. Morning subject, "The Magi and Their Gifts." At the evening service, "The Prince of Peace."

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Senior Christian Endeavor, 6 p. m. Junior Christian Endeavor, 3 p. m. Cordial welcome to all.

FIRST CHRISTIAN.

Moulton Street.
Rev. D. R. Piper, of Cullman, will conduct the morning service at the First Christian church, corner Fourth avenue and Moulton street, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Piper is a very earnest, consecrated minister and a full attendance of the members, as well as strangers, are cordially invited.

CENTRAL METHODIST.

The Central M. E. church of Albany will celebrate Christmas with White Gifts to the King. The gifts are to be wrapped in white and will be sent to the orphan's home in Selma. The first part of the program is a cantata, given by the young people's choir. The following program will be rendered:

Chorus, "Hear the Bells of Christmas"—Choir.
Song of Christmastide—Choir.
Invocation—Rev. Persinger, followed by prayer in song.

Song, "Christmas Is the Dearest Day"—Choir.

Song, "Silent Night"—Choir.

Solo, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"—Herman Troup.

The Birthright of Christ—Shepherds.

Lullaby—Louise Almon.

Song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Choir.

Christmas Fairies—Lucy Haywood Binford, Geneva Eubanks, Lottie Lovin and Frances Blackwell.

Double Quartet—"Angels from the Realms of Glory."

Exercises and presentation of gifts from Elementary Department, Cradle Rollers, Beginners, Primaries and Juniors.

Presentation of gifts from the Teenage Department—Albert Hurst.

Presentation of gifts from the Adult Department—Julia Morris.

Presentation of gifts from the Wesley Bible Class—Mr. Patterson.

Presentation of gifts from the Officers—Mr. Day.

Song, "Take My Life and Let It Be"—Choir and Congregation.

Doxology.

Benediction.

CENTRAL BAPTIST.

Livingston T. Mays, pastor.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., B. L. Malone, superintendent.

Livingston T. Mays will preach at

11 a. m., on "If Christ Had Not Come." Solo, Mrs. Wm. McNeill, with violin obligato by Mrs. J. O. Davis, of Lexington, Ky.

Violin solo, Mrs. J. O. Davis.
Special music at 7:30 p. m.; subject of sermon, "When Love Was Born," or "The Coming of the King."

WILLOUGHBY PRESBYTERIAN.
W. B. Strong, Pastor.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; J. Wiley Owen, superintendent.
Sermon, 11 a. m., "The Bequest of Peace." At 7 p. m., "The Christmas Spirit."
Public cordially invited.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, DECATUR.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Regular morning service, 11 o'clock, subject, "The Naming of Jesus." At 7:30 p. m., a Christmas Eve musical will be given, to which the public is cordially invited.

W. N. Sholl, Pastor.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Christmas entertainment, Willoughby Presbyterian Sunday school, will be held this evening at 7 o'clock.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Jackson St., East.

Bible Study, 10 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m., subject "The Gospel Preacher."

Prof. R. B. Clements, of Berry, Ala., will preside at the 7:30 p. m. service.

J. Pettet Ezell, Minister.

We welcome all.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL.

Jackson Street, Albany.

Rev. J. J. Cornish, Rector.

Holy Communion, 7 a. m.

Sunday school and Bible classes at 9:45 a. m.

Baptism, 10:30 a. m.

Morning prayer, 11 a. m.

No evening service, 12 o'clock midnight celebration.

Christmas Day service at 10 a. m.

Hatchery of Fakes.

New York city, in addition to all the other varied activities, good and bad, is charged with being the greatest hatchery of fakes. The latest dodge to separate speakers and their simoleons is an outcome of the great war abroad. In one of the downtown streets a sign in the window reads: "The war killed this glass mill." Inside the store are a number of salesmen who are trying to palm off a lot of cheap pressed glass for genuine cut glass. The cut-rate goods are of the same variety as the old-time bogus "fire" sales; the kind known in some quarters as "pawabroker" goods, because they are intended for display in pawabroker shops; as though once upon a time they had been left as pledges for loans and had never been redeemed. The fake cut-glass bowls and other glaring imitations were attractively arranged on the tables along the walls with alluring labels reading, "\$1—marked down to 45 cents," or "75 cents—cut to 35 cents." Of course, it is merely a new kink to the old trick of dumping out shoddy goods under some form of misrepresentation.

TROOPS EXPECT TO RETURN HERE SOON

ALABAMA SOLDIERS MAY BE BACK HOME BY FIRST OF FEBRUARY.

The Alabama soldiers may return from the Mexican border by the latter part of January, according to a letter from Fred B. Littlefield, of the supply company, Fourth regiment, written to B. E. Preuit. The troops confidently expect to be back by the first of February, Mr. Littlefield says.

"We are located right on the border," the letter says, "the international line separating the little city of Nogales. We are not allowed to cross, but the Mexicans come and go as they please. We expect to be home by the latter part of January."

Just received by express, Nunnally's Liggett's and Guth's fine candles. Exquisite Christmas packages to suit you. The Owl Drug Co., 401 Bank street. 20-1f

Suitable gifts in Furniture, specially priced this week. Cook Bros. Furniture Co. 18-1f

Our Best Wishes

Accept our most hearty thanks for your patronage during the past year and allow us to wish each of you a very merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

W. W. Garnett & Co.

The Season's Greetings!



As we come to the close of another year, we desire to express our appreciation of your most valued patronage—and to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year



Olshine's Department Store

"The store that worked hard for the reputation and keeps it by working hard"

BANK ST.

DECATUR

Greeting of the Yuletide Season

Again comes the season of good will and while the mistle-toe and the holly hang high, and the spirit of the Christ-child is scattering seeds of sunshine all over the world, we send greetings of the Glorious Christmas Season to you.

May this Christmas be the merriest you have ever known; the year about to dawn upon the Horizon of Time, the happiest and most prosperous you have ever enjoyed. This is the sincerest wish of

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